ON THIS DAY

▲ **1829:** London's Metropolitan Police, founded by Sir Robert Peel, began the first regular patrols on the streets of the capital

1902: Eminent French novelist Emile Zola died

1961: Syria seceded from the United Arab Republic

1992: The first democratic elections took place in Angola after 16 years of civil war

2006: A Brazilian airliner collided with an executive jet in mid-air and crashed in dense jungle in Mato Grosso state, killing all 155 aboard. The smaller plane landed safely

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